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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT : Ellsworth Memo to DCI about New Quality  
Control Procedures for COINS Files

1. I have received the attached memo to Mr. Bush and action routing slip via the Chairman of the IHC of USIB. I am writing this note to inform you of my view that, particularly in a matter such as this, having to do with quality control of COINS files, the CIA COINS Manager should be the Agency action officer.

2. There are two good reasons for this. First, I am the only person in the Agency charged with Agency-wide responsibility for COINS matters. Before the attached memos were written, the four points in Latimer's memo were checked with me by the Defense Department project officer. CIA will have no problem with these measures. They are reasonable quality control procedures and mainly should help improve the quality of non-Agency COINS files used by CIA analysts.

3. Secondly, I am in a more appropriate position to know and represent the views of Agency managers on COINS matters than is the Chairman, IHC. This has been true in the past.

4. There is no need for a reply to Mr. Ellsworth's letter to the Director. I will be in touch with the appropriate Agency people and implement the specified quality control procedures.

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CIA Subsystem Manager for COINS

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